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LETTER DATED 29 JANUARY 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit two notes verbales with attachments dated 16 March 1992, from the Interests Section of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Washington, D.C. to the Embassy of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria to be forwarded to the United States Department of State on the violation of the territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran by the forces of the United States in the Persian Gulf region.

It would be highly appreciated if this letter were circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Kamal KHARRAZI
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex I

Note verbale dated 16 March 1992 from the Interests Section of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Washington, D.C. addressed to the Embassy of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria in Washington, D.C.

The Interests Section of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Washington, D.C. presents its compliments to the Embassy of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, and has the honour to quote the attached messages, in two copies - the original text and an unofficial translation, received from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran. It is respectfully requested that the original text of the messages be transmitted to the United States Department of State and that our office be informed of their response.

Enclosure

According to information received from officials of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, United States warships positioned in the Sea of Oman and the Persian Gulf have created a nuisance for Iranian sea patrolling aircraft on the following dates and locations:

1. On 27 October 1991 at 0944 hours, a United States warship at the position of N2540 and E5442 warned the pilot of an Iranian sea patrolling aircraft, whose position was N2543 and E5358, not to get closer to the warship.

2. On 29 October 1991 at 1150 hours, a United States warship at the position of N2415 and E5852 warned the pilot of an Iranian sea patrolling aircraft, whose position was N2452 and E5832, not to get closer to the warship.

3. On 5 November 1991 at 1110 hours, a United States warship at the position of N2630 and E5645 warned the pilot of an Iranian sea patrolling aircraft, whose position was N2632 and E5640, not to get closer to the warship.

4. On 11 November 1991 at 0845 hours, a United States warship at the position of N2606 and E5246 warned the pilot of an Iranian sea patrolling aircraft, whose position was N2610 and E5306, not to get closer to the warship.

5. On 15 November 1991 at 0942 hours, a United States warship at the position of N2556 and E5342 warned the pilot of an Iranian sea patrolling aircraft, whose position was N2601 and E5314, not to get closer to the warship.

The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran protests such illegal actions by the Government of the United States.

Annex II

Note verbale dated 16 March 1992 from the Interests Section of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Washington, D.C. addressed to the Embassy of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria in Washington, D.C.

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Enclosure

According to information received from officials of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, on 11 November 1991 a United States warship warned an Iranian civilian passenger Boeing 727 airplane belonging to Iran Air with the registration character of EP-IRH en route to Shiraz Sayri. The passenger plane was flying in the international corridor W25.

This act of warning by a United States warship to a civilian passenger plane of the Islamic Republic of Iran which was flying in an international corridor is a violation of an internationally recognized regulation and is a clear act of aggression against the sovereignty of an independent State.

Therefore, the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran protests this unjustifiable, illegal, and wilful action of the United States Government which is contrary to the Government's international treaties and insistently demands that these actions be stopped at once. It is evident that the United States Government will be directly held accountable for these unlawful and aggressive measures.